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This is personal opinion. I am not representing the view of the company I work for.

I was disappointed in the terms of the settlement.

As a Data Security Professional I believe the bundling of software in the operating system is a critical issue. Complexity is the enemy of security. Microsoft's business model of putting more functions into the OS drastically increases complexity. The fact that companies using their software can not strip out this functionality to create a more secure and business oriented system is a major problem.

As an IS Professional I see Microsoft's actions as an effective tool to stop the next set of bright young people from creating the next Microsoft. It is what they did not Netscape. Business should fail because the business model does not work, not because they threaten someone else's monopoly.